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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Inventor: | KAWAKAMI, Jun-ichi   | Allowed:   |     |
| For:                      | Process for Producing Fused Imidazole Compound, and Reformatsky Reagent in Stable Form, and Process for Producing the Same | Batch:     |     |
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Preliminary Amendment

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**AMENDMENT**

In the Specification

Please insert on Page 1 as the first sentence of the application the following:

- - This application is the National Phase filing of International  
Patent Application No. PCT/JP03/00092, filed January 9, 2003. - -

The Examiner is respectfully requested to make the following amendment by substituting  
for line 1 of page 172 as follows:

-- We Claim: --

~~WHAT WE CLAIMED ARE:~~